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AFDROUGHT

SUBJECT: PREPOSITIONING FOR MALI SIXTH REGION

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1. OSRO/POLARIS CONTINUES TO ENDORSE FULLEST POSSIBLE UTILIZATION LOME PORT. COTONOU WILL DOUBTLESS HAVE TO TAKE INCREASING SHARE SLACK CAUSED BY CONTINUING CONGESTION APAPA NOT EXPECTED TO ABATE SEVERAL MONTHS.

2. WITH NATIONALIZATION FORWARDING FUNCTIONS AT COTONOU DIFFICULT INITIAL PERIOD HIGHLY PROBABLE ALL ASPECTS OPERATIONS. OTHER SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM IS OCDN WITH RECENT HEAD ON COLLISION TWO LOCOMOTIVES PLUS FACT THEIR INABILITY ACHIEVE EVACUATION TARGETS DESPITE NUMEROUS PROMISES AND VARIOUS PRESSURES BOTH LIKELY TO SUBSIDE IN NEW MONOPOLY MILIEU. LOME ON THE OTHER HAND

THOUGH NOT FULLY USED HAS BEEN A SATISFACTORY FACILITY.

3. MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEMS ARE COST INCREASE OVER COTONOU AND NEED FOR MALI TO MAKE TRANSIT ARRANGEMENTS WITH UPPER VOLTA AND NIGER. VOLPE

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